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SUBJ: CONSERVATIVE WINS KYOTO GOVERNORSHIP

REF: OSAKA KOBE 144, 182 AND 242

1. CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE HAYASHIDA HAS POSTED SUBSTANTIAL VICTORY IN APRIL 9 KYOTO GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION. RUNNER-UP SUGIMURA, ACKED BY JCP AND OUTGOING GOVERNOR NINAGAWA, CONCEDED DEFEAT MID-MORNING APRIL 10, AS KYOTO CITY RETURNS SHOWED HAYASHIDA HOLDING LEAD OF 70,000 WHICH HE OPENED UP IN RURAL DISTRICT VOTES COUNTED APRIL 9. SUGIMURA HAD HOPED TO CLOSE GAP IN CITY. JSP-KOMEITO-DSP CANDIDATE YAMADA TRAILING BADLY.

2. ACCORDING TO MEDIA COMMENT, HAYASHIDA CAPITALIZED EFFECTIVELY ON VOTER RECOGNITION, HE WAS THE ONLY ONE OF THREE CANDIDATES WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY RUN IN PREFECTURE-WIDE ELECTION. IT ALSO APPEARS CLEAR HE GOT VERY LARGE SHARE OF DSP-DOMEI VOTE, AS WELL AS CITY INDEPENDENTS, OVERALL, HOWEVER, KYOTO VOTERS WERE OBVIOUSLY LOOCING FOR A CHANGE  
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OF POLICY, NOT JUST FACES, AFTER 28 YEARS OF NINAGAWA.

3. POOR SHOWING OF MIDDLE-ROAD ALLIANCE APPEARS PARTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO LOCAL FACTORS, NOTABLY THE FACT THAT THE LONG- ENTRENCHED INCUMBENTS WERE ON THE LEFT, CONTRARY TO THE SITUATION IN MOST OF JAPAN, AND YAMADA'S OWN PAST IDENTIFICATION WITH THE NINAGAWA ADMINISTRATION, NEVERTHELESS THESE

RESULTS CANNOT FAIL TO INSPIRE SERIOUS RE-EXAMINATION OF THE  
MIDDLE-ROAD ALLIANCE CONCEPT AND TACTICS.  
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